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AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND  
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The Sheriff faces a \$35 million operating deficit this year created from a precipitous drop in federal revenue for incarcerating undocumented criminals, and a continuing rise in costs of health benefits for retirees and workers compensation.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has proposed reducing the Sheriff's workers compensation costs by \$6 million, which lowers the Sheriff's operating deficit to \$29 million. The CAO has also proposed appropriating an additional \$11.5 million to the Sheriff, which brings the Department's operating deficit down to \$17.5 million.

It is imperative that the Board close the remaining \$17.5 million operating deficit so the Sheriff can at least maintain his operations at the same level he was able to sustain this year, and hold unincorporated area patrol and jails harmless from further cuts.

It is also imperative that the Board immediately address the need for increased safety in the jails, which cannot be accomplished without additional resources. Five inmate homicides occurred this year within the County jail system.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that to close the Sheriff's operating deficit, the Board appropriate an additional \$17.5 million of the Sheriff Department's fund balance to its

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operating budget for FY04-05, and that the CAO and Auditor-Controller adjust this figure at book closing to reflect any changed projections regarding SCAAP revenue and workers compensation costs.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Board request the Sheriff to maintain the current level of patrol services in the unincorporated areas, and the current level of staffing in the jails; and

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Board appropriate an additional \$5 million in ongoing revenue to the Sheriff's custody operations to immediately enhance jail safety, contingent on the Sheriff providing a \$2.5 million match from the Department's Inmate Welfare Fund, to be used appropriately, as required by law, for the benefit of the inmates, specifically for inmate safety; and

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Board request the Sheriff to report back quarterly to the Board as to how the funds were invested, what improvements were made, and what results were achieved in enhancing jail safety.